

H. R. 270.

FEBRUARY 4, 1823.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House
to-morrow.

A BILL

Further to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the act, entitled "An act concerning the Mint," approved
4 March the third, one thousand eight hundred and one, is here-
5 by revived, and continued in force and operation, for the fur-
6 ther term of five years, from the fourth day of March next.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That, during the con-*
2 tinuance of the Mint, at the city of Philadelphia, the duties
3 which were enjoined on the commissioner of loans, for the
4 state of Pennsylvania, by the second section of the act, enti-
5 tled "An act concerning the Mint," passed on the third day
6 of March, one thousand eight hundred and one, shall be per-
7 formed by the Collector of the port of Philadelphia, for the
8 time being.

1 **SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That, when any silver,
2 brought to the Mint for coinage, shall require refining, the ex-
3 pense of the materials used in the process shall be deducted
4 from the amount of the deposite; and that, when silver so de-
5 posited, shall be of a quality superior to that of the legal
6 standard of the silver coins of the United States, a deduction
7 shall be made from the amount, equal to the expense of the
8 copper necessary to reduce it to the said standard, and that
9 all such deductions be regularly accounted for, by the Trea-
10 surer of the Mint, to the Treasury of the United States.